

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
JUNE 29, 2022  
5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Saxton called the June 29, 2022, Town Council Workshop Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Attendance and Absences**

In attendance were Mayor Tim Saxton and Councilmembers Randall Bartholomew, Bob Biciocchi, Edie Dondero, Dick Oliver, Tim Shaw; and Town Manager Maureen Hartman, Administrative Specialist Janet Powell, and Chief Jason Lovins. Councilman Derek Abbott attended remotely. Public attendee: 1 remote attendees: 0.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment. Mayor Saxton reminded councilmembers that official communication is through the Town's email news updates and that the Town Manager should vet any communication prior to being sent out. Another reminder is that all committee meetings are recorded and FOIA accessible and meetings should be conducted in a professional manner with no negative comments about the council or town staff.

**Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 4-22, a Resolution to Recognize Sue Callaway**

Motion by Councilwoman Dondero, second by Councilman Abbott to adopt Resolution 4-22. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion and possible action to appoint Pete Trelenberg as a member of the Canal Water Quality Committee**

Motion by Councilman Oliver, second by Councilman Abbott to appoint Peter Trelenberg as a member of the Canal Water Quality Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion and possible action appoint Steve Farrow as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee**

Motion by Councilman Bartholomew, second by Councilman Oliver to appoint Steve Farrow as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion of issues including possible approaches for taking control of the annual canal algae cleanup problem**

Councilman Shaw (Liaison to the Canal Water Quality Committee) noted the CWQC is reviewing various alternatives to clean up the canal algae next spring, such as purchasing equipment (with additional questions regarding operating, maintaining, where to unload spoils, and storage of equipment), hiring an outside firm to operate town purchased equipment and costs; and once completed, presented to Council. Councilman Oliver suggested communicating with DNREC for their assistance and expertise. Councilwoman Dondero suggested reviewing issues that are contributing to the algae problem, such as lawn fertilizer, outside showers that drain directly into the canals, ordinances that may need to be updated, and educating the public of their responsibility. Dredging was briefly discussed but noted that it is an extensive process. Mayor Saxton thanked

Town Manager Hartman for her efforts contacting DNREC and he too contacted DNREC and was told they will be back harvesting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mayor Saxton, seconded by Councilman Oliver to adjourn the June 29, 2022 Town Council Workshop meeting at 5:38 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Council Secretary

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Administrative Specialist

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Date of Approval